

Remarks

Claims 1-28 and 46-50 are pending in the present application. Claims 29-45 were withdrawn. Claims 17-28 are allowed. Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 17-28. Claims 1-16 and 46-50 are rejected. These rejections are respectfully traversed. However, to facilitate prosecution of this application, please cancel claims 1-16 and 29-50 without prejudice to filing one or more continuation and/or divisional applications to reassert those claims in whole or in part, with or without modification.

Comments on Statement of Reasons for the Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant agrees that the cited prior art, taken singly or in combination, fails to teach the invention as claimed in the claims. To the extent that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for the Indication of Allowable Subject Matter uses language not identically appearing in the claims, Applicant notes that the claims are not limited by such language, but rather the actual language of each claim speaks for itself.

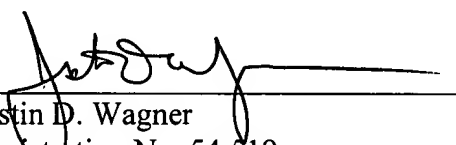
Conclusion

The claims in their present form should now be allowable. Such action is respectfully requested.

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